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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MEETING NO. 01-2012  
Thursday, January 19, 2012**

The City of Rockville Historic District Commission convened in regular session in the Mayor and Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Craig Moloney, Chair  
Anita Neal Powell  
Jessica Reynolds

**Absent:** Rob Achtmeyer  
Joseph Hansen

**Present:** Robin Ziek, Staff Liaison

**I. AGENDA REVIEW WORK SESSION** began at 7:00 pm. and no decisions were made.

**II. COMMITTEE/ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

**Lauren Farris of Peerless Rockville** informed the Commission on the upcoming spring calendar. Peerless Rockville will host their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Montgomery County History Conference on January 20, 2012 at the Agricultural History Farm Park in Derwood, MD. Historical overviews of Sugarland, Montgomery Village and the C&O Canal will be delivered along with the War of 1812 and the Civil War archeological works. For more information you may contact the Montgomery County Historic Society at [www.montgomeryhistory.org](http://www.montgomeryhistory.org).

**Anita Neal Powell of the Lincoln Park Historical Foundation** announced that the Lincoln Park Historical Foundation and the Leroy E. Neil African American Research Center will celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on February 27, 2012 which will include the Gospel Train Ride to Freedom. The Black History calendar depicting the life, history and culture of local Maryland African Americans will be available. Ms. Powell shared that she was recently interviewed by a travel writer who wrote an article entitled: DC Suburbs that can be found at [www.cnhinews.com](http://www.cnhinews.com). Visiting the site offers a glimpse of the many places of early slave life. They are co-sponsors along with the Montgomery County Civil Rights Tour held during spring break from April 2-7.

Look for a schedule of events in February for Black History events. Lastly, Ms. Neal Powell encouraged everyone to visit Gibbs Street to see the “Gibbs Gateway” depicting William B.

Gibbs as an educator, as a civil rights activist, and as an advocate. For more information call 301-251-2747 or visit [www.LincolnParkHist@aol.com](mailto:www.LincolnParkHist@aol.com).

Public Comments/Open Forum: None

#### HDC Staff Comments

Robin Ziek encouraged participation in the History Conference and informed everyone that on the same day, January 21<sup>st</sup>, Alsiona Amos from the Smithsonian, will conduct a lecture at the Rockville Memorial Library at 2:00 pm, on Dr. Lorenzo Dow Turner, who was a Lincoln Park resident, born in 1890, and received a Masters from Harvard and a Doctorate from the University of Chicago. Dr. Turner was noted for tracing the Gullah language to Africa.

### **III. PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **A. MINUTES: December 15, 2011**

*Commissioner Reynolds moved, seconded by Commissioner Powell to add HDC2012-00562 at 102 Grandin Avenue to the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 3-0.*

#### **AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA:**

#### **A. MINUTES: December 15, 2011**

#### **B. HDC2012-00562, Evaluation Of Significance For Demolition**

**Applicant:** Xingzhu Lin  
**Address:** 102 Grandin Avenue  
**Request:** Evaluation (for demolition)

*Commissioner Reynolds moved, seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the amended Consent Agenda. The motion passed 3-0.*

### **IV. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL**

#### **A. HDC2012- 00564**

**Applicant:** Sally and Scott Robinson (Tom Manion & Associates, Agent)  
**Address:** 400 W. Montgomery Avenue  
**Request:** Rear addition w/connecting trellis

Mrs. Ziek presented her staff report.

Thomas Manion, architect for the applicant, provided additional details on the materials to be used in the renovation.

Mr. Moloney asked several questions about the materials to be used for the partially exposed foundation, siding, windows, gutters and downspouts being used. He also asked for the website of the siding manufacturer. Mr. Manion agreed to provide the link.

Sandy Deighton of 402 W. Montgomery asked for clarification on the addition and

accessory building; and, how the trellis (connector) affects the zoning. She is not in favor of the addition to the property.

Mr. Manion presented pictures of various connectors to accessory buildings in nearby neighborhoods. He added that an addition can only be considered habitable when it's attached to the house in some manor, according to current zoning codes.

Scott Robinson, owner of the house stated that he has spoken to several neighbors and received their approval.

*Commissioner Reynolds moved, seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the Certificate of Approval for HDC2012-000564 as submitted. Commissioner Powell offered an amendment to the motion requesting the architect to provide information about the proposed siding material. The motion passed on a vote of 2-1, with Chair Moloney opposed.*

## **V. DISCUSSION**

- A. Green/Historic web page – A second draft was forwarded to both the Director of Community Planning and Development, and the Environmental staff. The final copy will be presented to the Mayor and Council for adoption but must first be endorsed by the HDC.
- B. Outreach to community and calendar/schedule - Staff will email Commissioner Hansen's comments and an outline will be available in a few weeks.
- C. Heritage Area update – Staff continues to work on this. The proposed boundaries will include the 1949 mass annexation of the early part of Twinbrook.
- D. FY13 Budget Update – Staff says that funds for additional training have been proposed as well as funds for consultant fees for targeted efforts for 2012.

## **VI. ADJOURNED**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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Sandra Y. Driver, Commission Secretary